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1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE IRISH HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION DURING PAST SEVEN MONTHS WHICH WOULD AFFECT TEXT OF INTRODUCTION, SECTIONS 1 (A THROUGH E), 3 (A THROUGH C) AND 4 OF REFTEL B. THEREFORE, RECALLING THAT TEXT WAS SUBJECT OF SEVERAL CAREFUL DRAFTING SESSIONS IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE LIMITED SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO SECTION 2.

2. BEGIN TEXT. GOVERNMENT POLICIES RELATING TO THE FULFILLMENT OF SUCH VITAL NEEDS AS FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS. THE 1978 BUDGET ALLOTS OVER 40 PERCENT OF CURRENT GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES TO SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH AND EDUCATION. LONG-STANDING GOI ECONOMIC POLICIES OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND MODERNIZATION HAVE PRODUCED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
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IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND A DECREASE IN REGIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL DISPARITIES. ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF TAX REVENUE COMES FROM A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX, BUT THE GOI (LIKE MANY EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS) RELIES TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT THAN THE USG ON INDIRECT TAXES LIKE VALUE-ADDED AND EXCISE WHICH ARE BY NATURE REGRESSIVE. ECONOMIC MODERNIZATION HAS BEEN

ACCOMPANIED BY CHANGING SOCIAL PATTERNS, ESPECIALLY
IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN. LEGISLATION ON EQUAL PAY
FOR EQUAL WORK AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR SINGLE
WOMEN IS IN EFFECT, AND ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN
EFFECTED TO REDUCE FISCAL DISINCENTIVES FOR WORKING
WIVES. A SIGNIFICANT GAP STILL EXISTS IN EARNINGS
BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, BUT IS NARROWING. CORRUPTION
AND DISCRIMINATION ON ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER
GROUNDS ARE NOT PRESENT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY.
END TEXT.

3. REGARDING SECTION 4, WE BELIEVE CURRENT TEXT IS
ACCURATE. HOWEVER, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S AUGUST
1977 REPORT ON INSTANCES OF ALLEGED MISTREATMENT
(REFERRED TO IN SECTION 1 B) CALLED FOR A PUBLIC
INVESTIGATION. THE GOI'S RESPONSE WAS TO ESTABLISH
AN INDEPENDENT 3-MAN BLUE-RIBBON PANEL TO DETERMINE
WHETHER ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS ARE NEEDED FOR PERSONS
IN POLICE CUSTODY. THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT HAS BEEN
SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THE GOI HAS NOT YET
FINISHED CONSIDERING IT. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
REPORTEDLY TOLD THE GOI IT REGARDED THE COMMITTEE
AS INADEQUATE FOR THE PURPOSE, BUT ITS LETTER TO
THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC. SHANNON

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